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STRAND, SEPARATING ELEMENT AND ASSEMBLY OF  
SEPARATING ELEMENTS  
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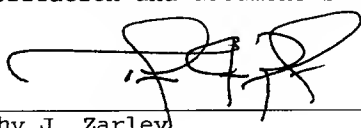
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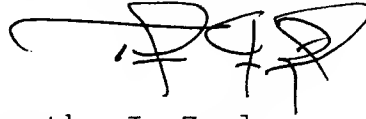
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Applicant is a large entity.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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